



PATENT APPLICATION

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Appln. No.: 09/424,300

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For:

STEEL WIRE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 26, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

## Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A steel wire for cords having a construction of core and sheath comprising a wire diameter ranging from 0.10mm to-0.40mm obtained by subjecting a highcarbon steel wire material having a carbon content ranging from 0.70% to 0.90% in weight to heat treatment and wire drawing, said steel wire preformed to have a minimum radius of

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